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Introduction

Agricultural Statistics is published each year to meet the diverse need for a reliable reference book on agricultural production, supplies, consumption, facilities, costs, and returns. Its tables of annual data cover a wide variety of facts in forms suited to most common use.

Inquiries concerning more current or more detailed data, past and prospective revisions, or the statistical methodology used should be addressed directly to the agency credited with preparing the table. Most of the data were prepared or compiled in the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The historical series in this volume have been generally limited to data beginning with 1992 or later.

Foreign agricultural trade statistics include Government as well as non-Government shipments of merchandise from the United States and Territories to foreign countries. They do not include U.S. shipments to the U.S. Armed Forces abroad for their own use or shipments between the States and U.S. Territories. The world summaries of production and trade of major farm products are prepared by the U.S. Department of Agriculture from reports of the U.S. Department of Commerce, official statistics of foreign governments, other foreign source materials, reports of U.S. Agricultural Attachés and Foreign Service Officers, and the result of office research.

Statistics presented in many of the tables represent actual counts of the items covered. Most of the statistics relating to foreign trade and to Government programs, such as numbers and amounts of loans made to farmers, and amounts of loans made by the Commodity Credit Corporation, etc., are data of this type. A large number of other tables, however, contain data that are estimates made by the Department of Agriculture.

The estimates for crops, livestock, and poultry made by the U.S. Department of Agriculture are prepared mainly to give timely current State and national totals and averages. They are based on data obtained by sample surveys of farmers and of people who do business with farmers. The survey data are supplemented by information from the Censuses of Agriculture taken every five years and check data from various sources. Being estimates, they are subject to revision as more data become available from commerical or Government sources. Unless otherwise indicated, the totals for the United States shown in the various tables on area, production, numbers, price, value, supplies, and disposition are based on official Department estimates. They exclude States for which no official estimates are compiled.

DEFINITIONS

"Value of production" as applied to crops in the various tables, is derived by multiplying production by the estimated season average price received by farmers for that portion of the commodity actually sold. In the case of fruits and vegetables, quantities not harvested because of low prices or other economic factors are not included in value of production. The word "Value" is used in the inventory tables on livestock and poultry to mean value of the number of head on the inventory date. It is derived by multiplying the number of head by an estimated value per head as of the date.

The word "Year" (alone) in a column heading means calendar year unless otherwise indicated. "Ton" when used in this book without qualifications means a short ton of 2,000 pounds.

WEIGHTS, MEASURES, AND CONVERSION FACTORS

The following table on weights, measures, and conversion factors covers the most important agricultural products, or the products for which such information is most frequently asked of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It does not cover all farm products nor all containers for any one product.

The information has been assembled from State schedules of legal weights, various sources within the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and other Government agencies. For most products, particularly fruits and vegetables, there is a considerable variation in weight per unit of volume due to differences in variety or size of commodity, condition and tightness of pack, degree to which the container is heaped, etc. Effort has been made to select the most representative and fairest average for each product. For those commodities which develop considerable shrinkage, the point of origin weight or weight at harvest has been used.

The approximate or average weights as given in this table do not necessarily have official standing as a basis for packing or as grounds for settling disputes. Not all of them are recognized as legal weight. The table was prepared chiefly for use of workers in the U.S. Department of Agriculture who have need of conversion factors in statistical computations.

WEIGHTS, MEASURES, AND CONVERSION FACTORS (See explanatory text just preceding this table)

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Commodity	Unit ¹	Approximate net weight		Commodity Unit ¹		Approximate net weight	
		U.S.	Metric			U.S.	Metric
Alfalfa seed	Busheldo	Pounds 60 48	Kilograms 27.2 21.8	Celery	Crate 8	Pounds 60	Kilograms 27.2
Do Do Do	Loose pack Tray pack Cell pack	38-42 40-45 37-41	17.2–19.1 18.1–20.4 16.8–18.6	Cherries Do	Lug (Camp- bell) ⁹ Lug	16 20	7.3 9.1
Apricots	Lug (brent- wood) 2	24	10.9	Clover seed Coffee Corn:	Bushel Bag	60 132.3	27.2 60
Western Artichokes: Globe	4-basket crate ³ Ctn, by count	26	11.8	Ear, husked Shelled	Busheldo	¹⁰ 70 56	31.8 25.4
	and loose pack	20–25	9.1–11.3	Meal Oil	do Gallon	50 77.7	22.7 3.5
Jerusalem Asparagus Avocados	Bushel Crate (NJ)	50 30 12–15	22.7 13.6 5.4–6.8	Syrup Sweet Do	do Wirebound crate Ctn, packed 5	11.72 50	5.3 22.7
Bananas	Fiber folding box ⁵	40	18.1	Do	oz. ears WDB crate, 4½–5 oz.	50	22.7
Barley Beans: Lima, dry	Bushel	48 56	21.8 25.4		(from FL & NJ)	42	19.1
Other, dry Lima	Sack	60 100	27.2 45.4	Do Cottonseed	Bale, gross Bale, net Bushel	11 500 11 480 12 32	227 218 14.5
unshelled Snap Beets:	Busheldo	28–32 28–32	12.7–14.5 12.7–14.5	Cottonseed oil Cowpeas Cranberries	Gallon Bushel Barrel	⁷ 7.7 60 100	3.5 27.2 45.4
Topped Bunched	Sack ½ crate 2 dz-	25 36–40	11.3 16.3–18.1	Do Cream, 40-per-	1/4-bbl. box 13	25	11.3
Berries frozen pack:	bchs			cent butterfat Cucumbers Dewberries	Gallon Bushel 24–qt. crate	8.38 48 36	3.80 21.8 16.3
Without sugar 3 + 1 pack 2 + 1 pack	50-gal. barrel dodo	380 425 450	172 193 204	Eggplant Eggs, average	Bushel	33 47.0	15.0
Blackberries	12, ½-pint bas- ket	6 14–30	2.7 6.4–13.6	size Escarole Figs, fresh	Case, 30 dozen Bushel Box single	25	21.3 11.3
Bluegrass seed Broccoli Broomcorn (6	Bushel Wirebound crate	20–25	9.1–11.3	Flaxseed Flour, various	layer 14 Bushel Bag	6 56 100	2.7 25.4 45.4
bales per ton) Broomcorn seed Brussels sprouts	Bale Bushel Ctn, loose pack	333 44–50 25	151 20.0–22.7 11.3	Do	Ctn or Crate, Bulk Ctn of 12 tubes	30	13.6
Buckwheat Butter Cabbage	Bushel Block Open mesh bag	48 55,68 50	21.8 25,30.9 22.7	Gariic	or 12 film bag pkgs 12 cloves each	10	4.5
Do Do	Flat crate (13/4 bu) Ctn, place pack	50–60 53	22.7–27.2 24.0	Grapefruit: Florida and		10	7.5
Cantaloups Carrots	Crate 6 Film plastic Bags, mesh	40	18.1	Texas Florida	1/2-box mesh bag 13/5 bu. box	40 85	18.1 38.6
	sacks & car- tons holding			Texas California and Arizona	12/5 bu. box Box 15	80 16 67	36.3 30.4
Without tops	48 1 lb. film bags Burlap sack	55 74–80	24.9 33.6–36.3	Grapes: Eastern	12-qt. basket	20	9.1
Castor beans Castor oil Cauliflower	Bushel Gallon W.G.A. crate	41 7 8 50–60	18.6 3.6 22.7–27.2	Western Do	Lug 4–basket crate 17	28 20	12.7 9.1
Do	Fiberboard box wrapper	00 00		Hempseed Hickory nuts	Busheldo	44 50	20.0 22.7
	leaves re- moved film- wrapped, 2			Honey Honeydew mel- ons	Gallon	11.84 28–32	5.4 12.7–14.5
	layers	23–35	10.4–15.9		Bale, gross	200	90.7

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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES—Continued

Commodity Unit ¹ Approximate net weight		Commodity	Unit ¹	Approximate net weight			
,		U.S.	Metric	,		U.S.	Metric
		Pounds	Kilograms			Pounds	Kilograms
Horseradish roots	Pushal	35	15.0	Do	Std box, 4/5 bu	45-48	20.4-21.8
Do	Bushel Sack	50	15.9 22.7	Do	Ctn, Tight-fill	00.07	400 40 7
Hungarian millet				Peas:	pack	36–37	16.3–16.7
seed Kale	Bushel Ctn or crate	48–50 25	21.8–22.7 11.3	Green,			
Kapok seed	do	35-40	15.9–18.1	unshelled	Bushel	28–30	12.7–13.6 27.2
Lard	Tierce	375	170	Dry Peppers, green	dodo	60 25–30	11.3–13.6
Lemons: California and				Do	11/2 bu carton	28	12.7
Arizona	Box 18	76	34.5	Perilla seed Pineapples	Bushel Carton	37–40 40	16.8–18.1 18.1
Do Lentils	Carton Bushel	38 60	17.2 27.2	Plums and	Carton	40	10.1
Lettuce, iceberg	Iceberg, carton	00	21.2	prunes:	Ctn & lugs	28	12.7
Lattica hat	packed 24	43-52	19.5–23.6	Do Popcorn:	½-bu. basket	30	13.6
Lettuce, hot- house	24-qt. basket	10	4.5	On ear	Bushel	1070	31.8
Limes (Florida)	Box	88	39.9	Shelled	do	56	25.4
Linseed oil Malt	Gallon Bushel	⁷ 7.7 34	3.5 15.4	Poppy seed Potatoes	Bushel	46 60	20.9 27.2
Maple syrup	Gallon	11.02	5.0	Do	Barrel	165	74.8
Meadow fescue	D h . l	0.4	40.0	Do	Box	50	22.7
seed Milk	Bushel Gallon	24 8.6	10.9 3.9	Do Quinces	do Bushel	100 48	45.4 21.8
Millet	Bushel	48-60	21.8–27.2	Rapeseed	do	50-60	22.7–27.2
Molasses: edible	Gallon	11.74	5.3	Raspberries	½-pint baskets	6	2.7
inedible	do	11.74	5.3	Redtop seed Refiners' syrup	Bushel	50–60 11.45	22.7–27.2 5.2
Mustard seed	Bushel	58-60	26.3–27.2	Rice:			
Oats Olives	do Lug	32 25–30	14.5 11.3–13.6	Rough	Bushel	45 100	20.4 45.4
Olive oil	Gailon	⁷ 7.6	3.4	Do Do	Bag Barrel	162	73.5
Onions, dry Onions, green	Sack	50	22.7	Milled	Pocket or bag	100	45.4
bunched	Ctn, 24-dz bchs	10-16	4.5-7.3	Rosin Rutabagas	Drum, net	520 56	236 25.4
Oranges:	David	00	40.0	Rye	do	56	25.4
Florida Texas	Box	90 85	40.8 38.5	Sesame seed	do	46	20.9
California and				Shallots	Crate (4–7 doz. bunches)	20-35	9.1–15.9
Arizona Do	Box 15 Carton	75 38	34.0 17.2	Sorgo:	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
Orchardgrass	Carton	30		Seed	Bushel	50 11.55	22.7 5.2
seed Palm oil	Bushel	14 77.7	6.4 3.5	Syrup Sorghum	Gallon	11.00	3.2
Parsnips	Gallon Bushel	50	22.7	grain 19	Bushel	56	25.4
Peaches	do	48	21.8	Soybeans Soybean oil	Gallon	60 77.7	27.2 3.5
Do	2 layer ctn or lug	22	10.0	Spelt	Bushel	40	18.1
Do	3/4-Bu, Ctn/crate	38	17.2	Spinach	do	18-20	8.2–9.1
Peanut oil Peanuts,	Gallon	77.7	3.5	Strawberries Do	24-qt. crate 12-pt. crate	36 9–11	16.3 4.1–5.0
unshelled:				Sudangrass			
Virginia type	Bushel	17	7.7	seed Sugarcane:	Bushel	40	18.1
Runners, South-east-				Syrup			
ern	do	21	9.5	(sulfured or	0-11	44.4-	
Spanish:				un-sulfured) Sunflower seed	Gallon Bushel	11.45 24–32	5.2 10.9–14.5
Southeast- ern	do	25	11.3	Sweetpotatoes	do	²⁰ 55	24.9
Southwest-		05		Do	Crate	50	22.7
ern Pears:	do	25	11.3	Tangerines: Florida	Box	95	43.1
California	Bushel	48	21.8	Arizona	Box	75	34.0
Other	ldo	50	22.7	California	l Box	75	34.0

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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES—Continued

Commodity Unit ¹		Approximate net weight		Commodity	Unit ¹	Approximate net weight	
		U.S.	Metric	·		U.S.	Metric
Timothy seed Tobacco:	Bushel	Pounds 45	Kilograms 20.4	Turnips:		Pounds	Kilograms
Maryland	Hogshead	775	352	Without tops	Mesh sack	50	22.7
Flue-cured	do	950	431	Bunched	Crate 6	70-80	31.8–36.3
	do	975	442	Turpentine	Gallon	7.23	3.3
Dark air-cured	do	1,150	522	Velvetbeans			
Virginia fire-		,	-	(hulled)	Bushel	60	27.2
cured	do	1,350	612	Vetch seed	do	60	27.2
Kentucky and				Walnuts	Sacks	50	22.7
Tennessee				Water 60° F	Gallon	8.33	3.8
fire-cured	do	1,500	680	Watermelons	Melons of aver-		
Cigar-leaf	Case	250-365	113–166		age or me-		
_ Do	Bale	150–175	68.0-79.4		dium size	25	11.3
Tomatoes	Crate	60	27.2	Wheat	Bushel	60	27.2
Do	Lug box	32	14.5	Various com-			
	2-layer flat	21	9.5	modities	Short ton	2,000	907
Tomatoes, hot-	40 1	00	0.4	Do	Long ton	2,240	1,016
house Tung oil	12-qt. basket	20 77.8	9.1 3.5	Do	Metric ton	2,204.6	1,000

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To Convert From Avoirdupois Pounds

10	Multiply by
Kilograms	0.45359237
Metric tons	

Conversion Factors

- 1 Metric ton=2,204.622 pounds 1 Kilogram=2.2046 pounds 1 Acre=0.4047 hectares 1 Hectare=2.47 acres 1 Square mile=640 acres=259 hectares 1 Gallon=3.7853 liters

CONVERSION FACTORS

Commodity	Unit	Approximate equivalent		
Apples	1 pound dried	7 pounds fresh; beginning 1943, 8 pounds fresh		
Do	1 pound chops	5 pounds fresh		
Do	1 case canned 21	1.4 bushels fresh		
Applesauce	1 case canned 21do 21	1.2 bushels fresh		
Apricots	1 pound dried	6 pounds fresh		
Barley flour	100 pounds	4.59 bushels barley		
Beans, lima	1 pound shelled	2 pounds unshelled		
Beans, snap or wax	1 case canned 22 100 pounds	0.008 ton fresh		
Buckwheat flour	100 pounds	3.47 bushels buckwheat		
Calves	1 pound live weight	0.611 pound dressed weight (1999 average) 0.607 pound dressed weight (1999 average)		
Cattle	do	0.607 pound dressed weight (1999 average)		
Cane syrup	1 gallon	5 pounds sugar		
Cherries, tart	1 case canned 21	0.023 ton fresh		
Chickens	1 pound live weight	0.72 pound ready-to-cook weight		
Corn, shelled	1 bushel (56 lbs.) 1 case canned 22	2 bushels (70 pounds) of husked ear corn		
Corn, sweet	1 case canned 22	0.030 ton fresh		
Cornmeal:	400			
Degermed	100 pounds	3.16 bushels corn, beginning 1946		
Nondegermed	do	2 bushels corn, beginning 1946		
Cotton	1 pound ginned	3.26 pounds seed cotton, including trash 23		
Cottonseed meal	1 pound	2.10 pounds cottonseed		
Cottonseed oil	do	5.88 pounds cottonseed		
Dairy products:		1		
Butter	do	21.1 pounds milk		
Cheese	do	10 pounds milk		
Condensed milk, whole	do	2.3 pounds milk		
Dry cream	do	19 pounds milk		
Dry milk, whole	do	7.6 pounds milk		
Evaporated milk, whole	do	2.14 pounds milk		
Malted milk	do	2.6 pounds milk		
Nonfat dry milk	do	11 pounds liquid skim milk		
Ice cream 24	1 gallon	15 pounds milk		
Ice cream ²⁴ (eliminating fat from butter and concentrated milk).	do	12 pounds milk		
Eggs	1 case	47 pounds		
Eggs, shell	do	41.2 pounds frozen or liquid whole eggs		
Do	do	10.3 pounds dried whole eggs		
Figs	1 pound dried	3 pounds fresh in California; 4 pounds fresh		
		elsewhere		
Flaxseed	1 bushel	About 21/2 gallons oil		
Grapefruit, Florida	1 case canned juice 22	0.64 box fresh fruit		
Hogs	1 pound live weight	0.737 pound dressed weight, excluding large		
		(1999 average)		
Linseed meal	1 pound	1.51 pounds flaxseed 2.77 pounds flaxseed		
Linseed oil	do	2.77 pounds flaxseed		
Malt	1 bushel (34 lbs.)	1 bushel barley (48 lbs.)		
Maple syrup	1 gallon	8 pounds maple sugar		
Nuts:				
Almonds, imported	1 pound shelled	3½ pounds unshelled		
Almonds, California	do	2.22 pounds unshelled through 1949; 2 pounds		
5 3		thereafter		
Brazil	do	2 pounds unshelled		
Cashews	do	4.55 pounds unshelled		
Chestnuts	do	1.19 pounds unshelled		
Filberts	do	2.22 pounds unshelled through 1949; 2.5		
D		pounds thereafter		
Pecans:		0.70		
Seedling	do	2.78 pounds unshelled		
Improved	do	2.50 pounds unshelled		
Pignolias	do	1.3 pounds unshelled		
Pistachios	do	2 pounds unshelled		
Walnuts:	4-	5 00		
Black	do	5.88 pounds unshelled		
Persian (English)	do	2.67 pounds unshelled		
Oatmeal	100 pounds	7.6 bushels oats, beginning 1943		
Oranges, Florida	1 case canned juice 22	0.53 box fresh		
Peaches, California, freestone	1 pound dried	51/3 pounds fresh through 1918; 6 pounds fresh for 1919–28; and 61/2 pounds fresh from 1929		
	1	to date		
Peaches, California, clingstone	do	7½ pounds fresh		
Peaches, clingstone	1 case canned 21	1 bushel fresh		
Do	1 case canned 21do	0.0230 ton fresh		
Peanuts	1 1 pound shelled	1½ pounds unshelled		
Pears	1 pound dried	6½ pounds fresh		
Pears Bartlett Do	1 pound dried 1 case canned ²² do	6½ pounds fresh 1.1 bushels fresh 0.026 ton fresh		

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CONVERSION FACTORS—Continued

Commodity	Unit	Approximate equivalent
Peas, green	1 pound shelled	21/2 pounds unshelled
Do	1 case canned 22	0.009 ton fresh (shelled)
Prunes	1 pound dried	2.7 pounds fresh in California; 3 to 4 pounds fresh elsewhere
Raisins	1 pound	4.3 pounds fresh grapes
Rice, milled (excluding brewers)	100 pounds	152 pounds rough or unhulled rice
Rye flour	do	2.23 bushels rye, beginning 1947
Sheep and lambs	1 pound live weight	0.504 pound dressed weight (1999 average)
Soybean meal	1 pound	1.27 pounds soybeans
Soybean oil	do	5.49 pounds soybeans
Sugar	1 ton raw	0.9346 ton refined
Tobacco	1 pound farm-sales weight	Various weights of stemmed and unstemmed.
100000	i podria idilii sales weight	according to aging and the type of tobacco.
		(See circular 435, U.S. Dept. of Agr.)
Tomatoes	1 case canned 22	0.018 ton fresh
	1 pound live weight	0.80 pound ready-to-cook weight
TurkeysWheat flour	100 pounds	2.30 bushels wheat ²⁵
Wool, domestic apparel shorn	1 pound greasy	0.48 pounds scoured
Wool, domestic apparel pulled	do	0.73 pound scoured

¹Standard bushel used in the United States contains 2,150.42 cubic inches; the gallon, 231 cubic inches; the cranberry barrel, 5,826 cubic inches; and the standard fruit and vegetable barrel, 7,056 cubic inches. Such large-sized products as apples and potatoes sometimes are sold on the basis of a heaped bushel, which would exceed somewhat the 2,150.42 cubic inches of a bushel basket level full. This also applies to such products as sweetpotatoes, peaches, green beans, green peas, spinach, etc.

- green peas, spinach, etc.

 ² Approximate inside dimensions, 4½ by 16½ inches.

 ³ Approximate inside dimensions, 4½ by 16 by 16½ inches.

 ⁴ Approximate inside dimensions, 4½ by 16½ inches.

 ⁵ Approximate inside dimensions, 13 by 12 by 32 inches.

 ⁶ Approximate inside dimensions, 13 by 18 by 21½ inches.

 ⁷ This is the weight commonly used in trade practices, the actual weight varying according to temperature conditions.

 ⁸ Approximate inside dimensions, 9¾ by 16 by 20 inches.

 ⁹ Approximate inside dimensions, 4½ by 11½ by 14 inches.

 ¹⁰ The standard weight of 70 pounds is usually recognized as being about 2 measured bushels of corn, husked, on the ear, because it required 70 pounds to yield 1 bushel, or 56 pounds, of shelled corn.

 ¹¹ For statistical purposes the bale of cotton is 500 pounds or 480 pounds net weight. Prior to Aug. 1, 1946, the net weight was estimated at 478 pounds. Actual bale weights vary considerably, and the customary average weights of bales of foreign cotton differ from that of the American square bale.

 ¹² This is the average weight of cottonseed, although the legal weight in some States varies from this figure of 32 pounds.

- of foreign cotton differ from that of the American square balls.

 12 This is the average weight of cottonseed, although the legal weight in some States varies from this figure of 32 pounds.

 13 Approximate inside dimensions, 9¼ by 10½ by 15 inches.

 14 Approximate inside dimensions, 11½ by 11 by 16¼ inches.

 15 Approximate inside dimensions, 11½ by 11½ by 24 inches.

 16 Beginning with the 1993-94 season, net weights for California Desert Valley and Arizona grapefruit were increased from 64 to 67 pounds, equal to the California other area net weight, making a 67 pound net weight apply to all of California.
- 64 to 67 pounds, equal to the California other area net weight, making a 67 pound net weight apply to all of California.

 17 Approximate inside dimensions, 43½ by 16 by 16½ inches.

 18 Approximate inside dimensions, 9½ by 13 by 25 inches.6 by 16 by 16½ inches.

 19 Includes both sorghum grain (kafir, milo, hegari, etc.) and sweet sorghum varieties.

 20 This average of 55 pounds indicates the usual weight of sweetpotatoes when harvested. Much weight is lost in curing or drying and the net weight when sold in terminal markets may be below 55 pounds.

 21 Case of 24 No. 2½ cans.

 22 Case of 24 No. 303 cans.

 - ²³ Varies widely by method of harvesting.
- 24 The milk equivalent of ice cream per gallon is 15 pounds. Reports from plants indicate about 81 percent of the butterfat in ice cream is from milk and cream, the remainder being from butter and concentrated milk. Thus the milk equivalent of
- in ice cream is from milk and cream, the remainder being from butter and concentrated milk. Thus the milk equivalent of the milk and cream in a gallon of ice cream is about 12 pounds.

 25 This is equivalent to 4.51 bushels of wheat per barrel (196 pounds) of flour and has been used in conversions, beginning July 1, 1957. Because of changes in milling processes, the following factors per barrel of flour have been used for earlier periods: 1790–1879, 5 bushels; 1880–1908, 4.75 bushels, 1909–17, 4.7 bushels; 1918 and 1919, 4.5 bushels; 1920, 4.6 bushels; 1921–44, 4.7 bushels; July 1944–Feb. 1946, 4.57 bushels; March 1946–Oct. 1946, average was about 4.31 bushels; and Nov. 1946–June 1957, 4.57 bushels.